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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT
 TOPIC Pay Reductions in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Observations at the 25X1
Priort Railroad Station

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This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

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1. the pay of regular soldiers and officers had been reduced 25X1
percent. 25X1 25X1

2. Soviet officers and soldiers received only about 60 percent of their 25X1
former pay. In June a Soviet captain received 600 eastmarks instead of 1,000 25X1
eastmarks.

3. the pay of officers and reenlisted personnel had been considerably reduced. 25X1
A lieutenant in a
allegedly received 200 eastmarks less than previously. 25X1
oebritz commissary sales had considerably decreased during the last 25X1
weeks, reportedly, because of pay reductions. 25X1

4. In late June, a number of Soviet officers with families daily left the Priort 25X1
railroad station and went on leave. The officers, who drank quite a lot in the
restaurant at the station, talked repeatedly about an 8-week leave in the USSR,
and stated that they would return without dependents. 25X1

Comment. In view of the information in paragraph 4 of the present report, 25X1
 there is reason to believe that the pay was not actually reduced but kept back
 in order to prevent the returning Soviet families from excessive buying in German
 shops. It could not be determined, whether all Soviet families were to return to
 the USSR, or whether the pertinent military personnel had completed their term of
 service in East Germany. No other indications of a retransfer of Soviet families
 are available.

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